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## **Beverage Container Deposit and Redemption**

### **Sec. 22a-245-1. Title**

These regulations may be cited as "Beverage Container Deposit and Redemption Regulations."

(Effective March 23, 1988)

### **Sec. 22a-245-2. Definitions**

"Reverse vending machine" means any automated equipment designed to accept empty beverage containers and dispense cash or credit slips.

"Independent audit" means an analysis of the accuracy of the equipment and procedures involved in the automated redemption process, provided by a certified public accountant or other qualified person not an employee or under the direct control of the owner or operator of the equipment.

(Effective March 23, 1988)

### **Sec. 22a-245-3. Labeling**

(a) To obtain approval of language for labeling, which differs from that specified in subsection (b) of Section 22a-244 of the General Statutes, a manufacturer or distributor shall submit to the Commissioner a printed sample or artist's rendering of the proposed labeling and, on request of the Commissioner, a sample of a beverage container marked with such label. The Commissioner shall notify the manufacturer or distributor in writing of the decision to approve or disapprove the proposed labeling within twenty days of receipt of a suitable sample, artist's rendering, or labeled container.

(b) In no case shall the labeling required by Section 22a-244 of the General Statutes appear only on the bottom of the beverage container. Metal containers shall be embossed or stamped with the required labeling on the top of the container.

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### **Sec. 22a-245-4. Redemption of beverage containers by dealers**

If a dealer provides a reverse vending machine as the method for consumers to redeem beverage containers, it shall be the responsibility of the dealer to assure the availability of the machine for use by consumers during normal business hours. In the event of mechanical breakdown or if for any other reason the reverse vending machine is not available to accept containers, the dealer shall provide an alternate procedure for redemption. An alternate redemption procedure will also be provided for crushed cans or other returnable containers rejected by the reverse vending machine.

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### **Sec. 22a-245-5. Redemption of beverage containers by distributors**

(a) A distributor shall remove, or make arrangements for the removal of all containers from the premises of dealers serviced by the distributor and redemption centers sponsored by such dealers, provided they are located within the territory of the distributor, at intervals appropriate to the volume of containers handled at each site, and at a frequency sufficient to prevent the excessive accumulation of containers on the premises of any dealer or redemption center.

(b) Redemption of containers from independent redemption centers shall be on a frequency schedule agreed to between the distributor and the operator of the redemption center provided that in no event will the frequency be less than once

per month unless the operator agrees that the volume from his center does not warrant monthly collection.

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**Sec. 22a-245-6. Vending and reverse vending machines**

(a) At each vending machine dispensing beverages in beverage containers, the vending machine dealer shall post redemption information including, but not limited to, the location and business hours of such dealer's headquarters and/or the location and business hours of a redemption center or other dealer, within one mile of the vending machine, with whom the vending machine dealer has made arrangements for handling redemptions.

(b) All agreements under which reverse vending machines provide the documentation for payment by distributors shall include provision for an independent audit at least twice each year.

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